Tri-City Citizens Union for Progress
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Newark, New Jersey 07103

Minutes
Board of Directors
December 28, 1977

Present: Barbara Bertschy
Ulysses B. Blakeley
Thomas Kelly
Maso Ryan

Staff: Edward Andrade
Rebecca Andrade
Valerie Spain

The meeting was called to order by President Ryan at 8:15 p.m.

Ms. Andrade presented a personnel budget proposal for 1978. Union for Progress budget is broken down into two categories: Neighborhood Redevelopment, with a dollar cost of $97,836.00 and Housing Management, with a dollar cost of $65,191.00.

Mr. Andrade indicated that MPDO is favorable toward our Neighborhood Preservation proposal. Ms. Andrade indicated that several foundation people have sent letters to MPDO in support of our proposal.

Mr. Andrade stated that Amity Reserve monies have not been obtained as yet. He noted that contacts with the HFA have been weakened by the death of representative Andy Demarco and the moving of the agency from Newark to Trenton.

Ms. Andrade announced that she has been invited to speak before several small New York foundations on January 18th. The foundations involved might have the capacity to provide funds for minor programs.

Mr. Ryan read a letter of appreciation from the Very Reverend Dillard Robinson, Trinity Cathedral, for Ms. Andrade's contribution as a panelist at the Urban Hearings on December 1st. He also read a letter of appreciation from the staff of Tri-City to the Board in recognition of Christmas bonuses.

Ms. Andrade announced that at a recent Finance Committee meeting, at which the 1978 budget was discussed, a suggestion was made to build a cost of living increase into the 1978 budget for staff salaries.

Mr. Andrade announced that Church at the Crossroads has agreed to extend the assignment of Joe Thomasberger as Finance Director at Tri-City for another year. Under the Adopt-A-Neighborhood Proposal, they will consider extending to Tri-City a line of credit up to $100,000 for rehab.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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